

DECLARATION IN ORIGINAL APPLICATION

U.S. Attorney Docket No.: SP02-275

As a below named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, Post Office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled SMALL MODE-FIELD FIBER LENS.

The specification of which (check only one item below):

is attached hereto

was filed as United States Application Serial No. _____ on _____
and was amended on _____ (if applicable)

was filed as PCT international application number _____, on _____, and was
amended under PCT Article 19 on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, on the same subject matter, having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Country: _____ **Application No.:** _____ **Filing Date:** _____
 NONE

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35 United States Code § 119(e) and § 120 of any United States application(s) or 365(c) of any PCT international application designating the United States listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35 United States Code § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37 Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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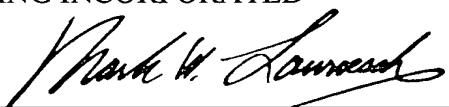
CORNING INCORPORATED, the assignee of the full and exclusive right, title and interest in and to the accompanying application for United States Letters Patent entitled SMALL MODE-FIELD FIBER LENS and executed by SHASHIDHAR NAGARAJA, HIMMELREICH JOHN, BHAGAVATULA VENKATA A on September 25, 2003, October 21, 2003, October 27, 2003, respectively, appoints the practitioners associated with the Customer Number provided below (i.e., the practitioners associated with the Intellectual Property Department, Corning Incorporated) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Please direct all correspondence to Timothy M. Schaeberle at the address associated with that Customer Number.

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